

*On the larva of* EUSCHEMA MILITARIS, Linn.; by OLIVER E. JANSON.

Professor J. Wood-Mason, of the Calcutta Museum, recently placed in my hands for publication, the accompanying figures of the larva and pupa of *Euschema militaris*, drawn from nature by Mr. S. E. Peal, who has succeeded in rearing this moth through its earlier stages, thereby setting at rest the long disputed question as to its location amongst the *Bombycina* or *Geometrina*, to both of which groups it has been assigned. The majority of authors have referred it to the former group with which (from a study of the imago alone) it appears to offer most characters in common. M. Guenée, however (Spec. Gen. Lep. x, p. 188), argues in favour of its affinity with the latter group (placing it between the *Fidonidæ* and *Zerenidæ*), but at the same time remarking that it is impossible to decide the question until the larva is known. Mr. Peal's discovery of its "Looper" caterpillar at once confirms the views of M. Guenée as to its pertaining to the *Geometrina*.

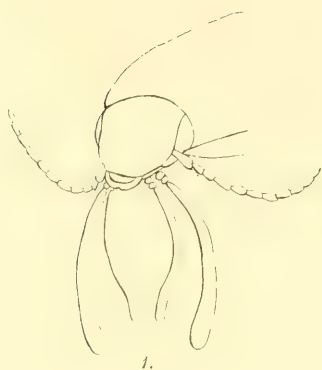
The drawings are not coloured, and Mr. Peal merely describes the larva as being yellow; the pupa cases sent are pale brown speckled with black, the black spots at the sides and the eye-like spots on the head are encircled with pale yellow, the latter are very conspicuous.

Explanation of the figures:

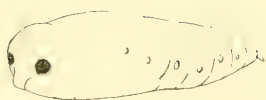
PLATE X.

Fig. 2 larva of *Euschema militaris*.

„ 3, 4 & 5 pupa of *ditto*



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